

Bristol August 30 - W^h D

My dear Mr. May,

Tho' I have nothing worth
writing about, I do not like to allow
an opportunity of sending you a line
to pass by neglected.

Mr. James Heywood, (Member
of Parliament,) an intelligent,
amiable, wealthy Unitarian
of Lancashire, is going to re-
create, during the parliamentary
vacatⁿ, in N. England. I hope
you may fall in with him, &
if you do, pray make yourself known
to him. He has not asked me for
introductions, so I cannot offer
any. Miss Carpenter has begged
of me for him and to Dr. Howe which
I have given, Mr. Heywood being de-

sions of visiting American Antislavery
travellers. He was formerly a
pupil of Dr Carpenter's.

In June I sent you three:
Chapman a copy of the French
translation of H. Douglass's narra-
tives, & one for H. D. both addressed
to you at the A. S. Office. It
seems rather long & since I heard
from you.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs
Chapman. She went to Paris
~~before~~ almost immediately after her
arrival in England. France,
in its present state, seems an odd
place to take children to for
education. How deplorable,
& (as far as the eye can now reach)
hopeless, is the present condition of

that its future country! Its Liberty,
Equality & Fraternity are much
the same as American inalienable
right of Freedom!

It occasioned me no surprise
to find Mr Garrison was unable to
pursue his labors as heretofore.

I think I argued something to
this effect in a former letter to
you. I trust the hydropathic

system will suit his constitution
& complaints. But I tremble
for a man when I hear of his in-

tending to try some fashionable
system of medical treatment,
without a knowledge of its adapta-
tion to his peculiar circumstances.

Hydrophy is a powerful mode of
practice: it may do much good,

& consequently much harm.
Who would ^{hesitate} to try a system of bleeding
or Mercury, or Iodine, or Stimu-
lants, or Abstinence without as-
certaining which how far any
particular plan was applicable
to his ailments! It was really
pious to me to read Mr. Garrison
read Mr. Abert & Puyles; & then
in detecting his error ^{being} ~~was~~ the
more acute ["] because he was
"blind"! Not "his fingers" ^{in consequence} ~~could~~,
^{his loss of sight,} better detect the electricity in his
patient's system"! If experience
did not show us the most unreason-
credulity ~~un~~ united with earnest-
& comprehensive of views on other
matters, I should be disposed to
conclude a man reasoning in this
way, is incompetent to manage
the ordinary affairs of life - I

see however, that quackery &
audacious pretensions, as well as
people every ready & willing to
be imposed upon, are not con-
fined to our side of the Atlantic.

But I am risking your thinking
me very unauthoritable to word.

W. L. G.'s good sense: ~~but~~ I should
not trouble myself much about
the matter, were it not for the
high value I set upon his
life & health. Our friend

W. C. Wright, had better remain
the only one of the Abolitionists
to write nonsense about the
universal Panacea of hydra-
nubly.

I enclose a tract come to
me by this morning's post from the

"Auth^r as with whom I am in
correspondence, but whom I do
not know even by name -

His "Word in behalf of the Slave"
is very good. I mean to send some
copies as a present to the Boston
Bazaar. (of "the Word" &c)

This morning's post has also
brought me a letter from our sensible
friend R. D. Webb on the condi-
tion of Ireland, respecting which
the the ignorance of your country-
men, (if at least I may judge from
the most popular papers I see
quoted,) is really amusing.

What is likely to be the fate of the
N. Star? Some of N. D.'s friends here
are indefatigable in efforts to
support it. And the Rochester Bazaar

Is it beneficial to the cause to encourage
~~support~~ it? You may inform me on
these subjects without fear of my
quoting your opinion if you wish
it to be confidential.

With my daughters! Kind remem-
brance from my dear
Yours; very truly

J. B. Cotton.

